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25X1A TO: SAIGON, DIRECTOR, [REDACTED]

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25X1A SAIGON FOR [REDACTED]

1. ANALYSIS OF OLYMPIC MEET PHOTOGRAPHY DATED [REDACTED] REVEALS THE CHINESE HAVE EXTENDED THE ROAD IN THE NAM BAC (TH3583) AREA TO A POINT 7 KILOMETERS (KM) EAST OF THE NAM OU. THIS CONSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF A 10 KM SEGMENT OF SINGLE LANE ACCESS ROAD WHICH EXTENDS FROM BAN HAT SAO (TH5276) EAST-SOUTHEAST TO ITS CURRENT TERMINUS AT TH587728. ON 12 OCTOBER, THE TERMINUS OF THE ROAD WAS OBSERVED AT TH538738. TRUCKS WERE USING A FERRY TO CROSS THE NAM OU AT BAN HAT SAO. THIRTY-THREE TRUCKS AND FIVE CONSTRUCTION CAMPS, WITH AT TOTAL OF AT LEAST 36 BUILDINGS, WERE OBSERVED ALONG THE SEGMENT OF ROAD.

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2. THE NEW SEGMENT EAST OF THE NAM OU IS AN EXTENSION OF THE PERMANENT ROUTE UNDER CONSTRUCTION EASTWARD FROM ROUTE 46 NEAR MUONG SAI (RC1089). THIS ROUTE JUNCTIONS WITH THE OLD ROUTE 4 ALIGNMENT AT TH3177, 7 KM SOUTHWEST OF NAM BAC. THE ROUTE PARALLELS THE ROUTE 4 ALIGNMENT TO NAM BAC AND THEN TURNS EASTWARD TO THE NAM OU. ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS NOT OBSERVED ALONG THE ROUTE 4 ALIGNMENT SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION (TH3177) WITH THE NEW ROUTE.

3. CONSTRUCTION WAS CONTINUING ALONG THE ROUTE BETWEEN ROUTE 46 AND THE NAM OU. A 35 KM SEGMENT OF ROAD FROM ROUTE 46 TO THE VICINITY OF TH1577 APPEARED TO BE NEARING COMPLETION. CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROUTE'S FINAL ALIGNMENT BETWEEN TH1577 AND THE NAM OU CONSISTED OF BRUSH CLEARING AND ROADBED GRADING.

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